

case against them.

The Star has learnt that following Tuesday's Status Conference at The Hague, the judges gave the prosecution one month to produce its last witness.

Trial Chamber V(a) judges are said to have set May 26 as the date when the case will resume, despite protests of delay by the defence.

The trial has stalled since February, after the last prosecution witness failed to show up and demanded new conditions even after judges issued a subpoena.

The prosecution has said the witness is critical as he has insider information on how Ruto and Sang allegedly planned the violence against PNU supporters after the December 2007 elections.

Bensouda had told the court the witness, who is under the court's protection, "has testimony that is necessary for the determination of the truth".

She said the witness "has ceased cooperating with the Prosecution without valid reason, or alternatively placed unreasonable pre-conditions on such cooperation".

Later, Witness 727's lawyers issued a statement, saying he was in hiding after a Dutch court issued an order requiring him to appear before the ICC in line with judges' order.

The ICC had gone to a local court to seek the order.



**CAMPAIGN:** ODM leader Raïla Odinga and Starehe MP Margaret Wanjiru during a campaign rally at Baba Dogo, Nairobi, on February 12, 2013.

**BY FELIX OLICK**

POLITICAL bigwigs could soon find themselves in trouble when the regulations on big money campaigns are passed.

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission is finalising the regulations on campaign financing, including spending limits.

The Star has established that the IEBC has already drawn up its first draft regulation that will for the first time in Kenyan history cap campaign spending.

The regulations will also provide a framework for the reporting of campaign expenses and ensure political parties fully disclose their sources of funding.

The regulations are meant to operationalise the stringent Elections Campaign Financing Act, which MPs tactically declined to pass before the 2013 polls.

The IEBC confirmed the first draft regulations were discussed on Tuesday at a one-day workshop for the commission's staff at the Windsor Golf Hotel.

"Part of the issues the regulations seek to address include the spending limit for candidates, political parties or referendum committees during the election period," IEBC said in a statement.

It said the regulations will also provide guidelines on campaign financing donations, expenditure, reporting and disclosure.

The IEBC promised to subject the draft regulations to extensive public participation, including getting input from political parties and civil society.

"The final draft of the regulations will be laid before the National Assembly for approval before they are published in the Kenya Gazette," the IEBC said.

Sources at the IEBC spending limits will be influenced by factors such as geographical size of the electoral area, time of election and the population of the electoral area.

It is estimated that major political players spent between Sh1 billion and Sh20 billion during the 2013 presidential campaign.

Already, political heavyweights, including President Uhuru Kenyatta and ODM leader Raïla Odinga, are said to be building multibillion-dollar campaign war chests for the elections.

However, the new campaign law makes it mandatory for political parties to have a financial committee, three of whom will be signatories to the party campaign financing account.

The details of the campaign financing account must be submitted with the IEBC.

## Varsity gets new DVC

**BY HENRY WANYAMA**

PROF Bernard Njoroge has been appointed the new deputy vice chancellor Administration and Finance at the University of Nairobi.

Njoroge replaces Prof Peter Mbithi, who was appointed the vice chancellor.

Mbithi had replaced Prof George Magoha whose term as VC had ended.

The appointment was made by Education Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi yesterday.

Njoroge was the principal of the College of Architecture and Engineering.

He beat Jacob Kibwage and Enos Njeru to the position after interviews by the UoN council.

## New LED lights in city

**BY ADOW MOHAMED**

NAIROBI Governor Evans Kidero yesterday commissioned an energy saving LED lighting system on major roads.

The lighting system will be on Accra, Latema and Lagos roads.

Kidero said the lighting will boost security.

He said his government will ensure all markets such as Muthurwa and Gikomba are properly lit.

Kidero said this will help Nairobian "realise the county's full potential of being a 24-hour economy".

"Many productive hours are wasted because of the fear of darkness or darkness itself. We need to overcome this fear," he said in a statement.

## Tout to die for murder

**BY CAROLE MAINA**

A bus tout was yesterday sentenced to death for murdering a passenger over a Sh100 fare balance.

David Gatembo stabbed Anthonious Odhiambo to death using a screwdriver on January 8, 2011.

Justice Nicholas Ombija said he had no other option but to send Gatembo to the gallows.

He said the prosecution proved beyond doubt that Gatembo used unnecessary force on Odhiambo.

Odhiambo had produced a Sh200 note, from which the conductor was to deduct Sh40 for him and a friend.

The fight ensued at Mlolongo on Mombasa Road when the tout refunded Sh60 instead of Sh160.

## Cotu ready for fete

**BY ELIZABETH WERE**

COTU has said it is preparing for the Labour Day celebrations to be held today.

Deputy secretary general Benson Okwaro said the organisation will also be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

"We have invited numerous guests from within and outside Kenya, including President Uhuru Kenyatta," Okwaro told the Star office yesterday.

He said all the 47 members, elected and non-elected senators and MPs have been invited.

Okwaro said all the Cotu board members, including the Trade Union Congress of Kenya have also been invited.